

Compilation of Email and Written Comments
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I am writing in support of allowing single family homes to be rented as vacation rental homes in Kauai. My support comes from having vacationed in Hawaii, mostly on Kauai, for 12 of the last 15 years and having been a renter of such homes and having a wonderful experience in them. My family and I found staying in individual homes allowed for a feeling of living on this wonderful island and were economical as well. We were able to visit the farmers markets and prepare our own food for many of our meals. If the only lodging available to us were hotels, we would not have visited the islands as often or at all. The big resort hotels are not only expensive, but lacking in the character of the islands. A family can have a much better experience in a home setting.

Because of those wonderful stays in others homes, two years ago we purchased a house in Hanalei and now stay here 4-6 weeks a year and rent it out for others to enjoy when we are unable to be here. We have been able to become a home owner because of the income the rentals bring in to help pay the mortgage and property taxes. We have never experienced tenants who were not respectful of our property and our neighbors.

My name is _____. I was born and raised here on Kauai. I own my own landscaping and tree trimming business. I am here today to support the vacation rentals.

I started landscaping when I was 14 and tree trimming when I was 16 and I immediately knew tree trimming is what I wanted to do. I learned from several family members who also do landscaping and tree trimming. Since then I have been putting all my time into making the business that I have today.

When I was 19, I decided to start my own business and I went to the vacation rentals. They helped me to get my business going and now I have a successful business. All my work comes from vacation rentals and I depend on them.

Vacation rentals not only support me but my family. Without vacation rentals it wouldn't be possible for me to have a business. Not only me but a lot of my family and many locals on the north shore would struggle without vacation rentals.

So, I am here today to support vacation rentals and all they stand for. They have helped me and many other locals to own a business that supports our families. If there weren't vacation rentals I wouldn't have a profession. Thank you.

I am submitting my understanding of how the "vacation rental" legality should be handled and I would sincerely expect the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, being part of the Hawaii State Judiciary, will resolve this in accordance with the law.

The 'vacation rentals' in dispute on Kauai are illegal. Numerous county council members and others working for the county also have 'vacation rentals' and that is why it has not been enforced and why so much money and effort is being exerted to subvert the laws.

Zoning laws enactments that our taxes pay salaries towards in planning commissioners, county council members, the mayor, etc. Numerous hearings to determine eligibility's regarding building permits and do's and don'ts as to proper development. So what is all that for if it's just to be legal for some but not for all? Why bother having any government officials if the laws don't mean a damn thing? Can you tell me that? All those zoning laws and hearings were a farce is what they were saying!

These rentals are not zoned for commercial activity. Vacation rentals are **COMERCIAL ACTIVITY. SIMPLE.** The perpetrators knew this when they set up business.

Therefore the only fair 'resolution' is to treat them equally as any other violator and refer them to the prosecutor's office. Focus on this situation must now be on enforcement. With neighborhood watch implemented and 1st time, 2nd time citations being issued or heavy fines and possibly forfeiture of property used, as deterrents will be the judicious route.

The 'vacation rentals' are a direct cause of the vry real housing crisis and should be converted to long term rentals.

Anything less is presenting a winnable lawsuit. It's either a violation or not.
